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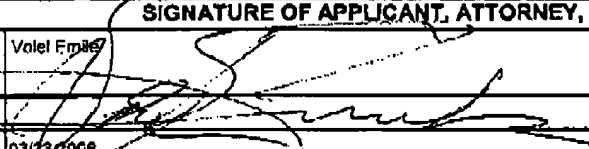
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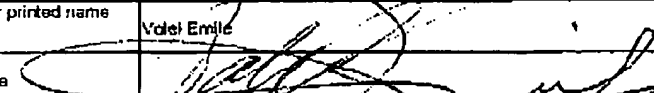
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APPELLANTS' BRIEF UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.192

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Sir:

This is an appeal to a final rejection dated January 11, 2006 of claims 1 - 15 of Application Serial Number 09/998,392 filed on November 29, 2001. This brief is submitted pursuant to a Notice of Appeal filed on March 31, 2006 in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.192.

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BRIEF FOR APPLICANTS – APPELLANTS

(i)

Real Party in Interest

The real party in interest is International Business Machines Corporation (IBM), the assignee.

(ii)

Related Appeals and Interferences

There are no other appeals or interferences known to appellants, appellants' representative or assignee, which will directly affect or be directly affected by or have a bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal.

(iii)

Status of Claims

All claims in the Application (i.e., Claims 1 – 15) have been finally rejected.

(iv)

Status of Amendment

No amendment was filed after the Final Rejection of January 11, 2006.

(v)

Summary of Claimed Subject Matter

In one embodiment, the invention provides a method of highlighting categorized Web pages on a Web server. According to the teachings of the invention, when there is a list of Web pages on a server arranged by categories, a comparison will be made between the Web pages in the list and Web pages in a bookmark folder on a user's computer system. All the Web pages in the list that are the same as the Web pages in the bookmark folder will be highlighted. This then tells the user that the (highlighted) Web pages on the server have

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already been bookmarked (see page 21, lines 28 – 32, page 22, lines 1 – 16 as well as Fig. 17).

In another embodiment, the invention provides a method of indicating Web pages on a server that have already been bookmarked on a local computer system. Accordingly, when a user accesses a Web site on a server on which Web pages are arranged in categories, the Uniform Resource locators (URLs) of all bookmarked Web pages in a bookmark folder on the computer system being used by the user are retrieved. Then the URLs of the bookmarked Web pages are compared with URLs of the Web pages in the categories. All Web pages in the categories displayed on the Web site that have the same URLs with the bookmarked Web pages are highlighted. This notifies the user of the Web pages on the server that have already been bookmarked (see again page 21, lines 28 – 32, page 22, lines 1 – 16 as well as Fig. 17).

(vi)

Grounds of Rejection to be Reviewed on Appeal

Whether the claims were properly rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nation In view of Burke.

(vii)

Arguments

In considering a Section §103 rejection, the subject matter of the claim "as a whole" must be considered and analyzed. In the analysis, it is necessary that the scope and contents of the prior art and differences between the art and the claimed invention (taken as a whole) be determined. *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1 (1966).

Nation teaches a method of indicating when clickable image links of hypertext image maps of a computer web browser has been traversed.

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According to Nation, various web browsing software packages or other hypertext software packages keep a history of various nodes or links that a user has previously visited. This is done to indicate whether a node or link has already been visited anytime thereafter. The indication usually entails changing some feature of the text, e.g., color, font, underline, etc. But, until the disclosure of Nation, the indication only applied to textual links of alphanumeric characters. Nation then provides a method to also indicate whether a clickable image has already been visited.

Specifically, when a clickable graphical image is to be displayed, it is determined, using a history of image links that have been previously visited, whether the clickable image has been traversed. If so, some sort of a marker is used to indicate that the clickable image has already been traversed.

However, Nation does not teach, show or suggest the steps of ***comparing bookmarked Web pages in a bookmark folder with Web pages arranged in categories on a server, and highlighting all the Web pages in the categories that are the same as the bookmarked Web pages*** as claimed.

The Examiner admitted that Nation does not teach the step of comparing reproduced above but asserted that Burke does provide such step. Applicants disagree.

Burke purports to provide a system for storing bookmark files in a remote location. According to Burke, a bookmark file that is stored on a local computer system (i.e., a system that is being used by a user) may also be stored remotely for anytime availability including when the local computer system is inoperative. When a bookmark file is being stored at the remote location by the user and if the user had already stored a bookmark file at the remote location, the bookmarks in the file being stored and the bookmarks in the previously stored file may be merged together. The bookmarks in the bookmark file being stored may be stored in categories in which bookmarked pages from the previously stored bookmark file are stored. The categories may be in accordance with a master set of theme and topic codes. In this case, individual bookmarked pages from
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the file being stored will have been given a topic and theme code by the local system. After storing the bookmark file at the remote location, the user may at anytime download the bookmark file to any local system.

Thus, Burke teaches that the bookmarks just received are arranged in accordance with their encoded theme and topic. However, just as in the case of Nation, Burke does not teach, show or so much as suggest the step of ***comparing Web pages that have been bookmarked in a bookmark folder with the Web pages in the categories***

Since neither Nation nor Burke, alone or in combination, teaches the above-emboldened-italicized limitations of the claims, Applicants submit that the claims are allowable over the applied references. Hence, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection and passage to issue of the claims.

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Claims Appendix

1. (Previously presented) A computer implemented method of highlighting Web pages arranged in categories on a server comprising the steps of:

comparing bookmarked Web pages in a bookmark folder with the Web pages in the categories; and

highlighting all the Web pages in the categories that are the same as the bookmarked Web pages.
2. (Previously presented) The computer implemented method of Claim 1 wherein the bookmark folder is on a client.
3. (Previously presented) The computer implemented method of Claim 1 wherein the bookmark folder is on a server.
4. (Original) A computer program product on a computer readable medium for highlighting Web pages arranged in categories on a server comprising:

code means for comparing bookmarked Web pages in a bookmark folder with the Web pages in the categories; and

code means for highlighting all the Web pages in the categories that are the same as the bookmarked Web pages.
5. (Previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 4 wherein the bookmark folder is on a client.

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6. (Previously presented) The computer program product of Claim 4 wherein the bookmark folder is on a server.

7. (Previously presented) A computer implemented apparatus for highlighting Web pages arranged in categories on a server comprising:

means for comparing bookmarked Web pages in a bookmark folder with the Web pages in the categories; and

means for highlighting all the Web pages in the categories that are the same as the bookmarked Web pages.

8. (Previously presented) The computer implemented apparatus of Claim 7 wherein the bookmark folder is on a client.

9. (Previously presented) The computer implemented apparatus of Claim 7 wherein the bookmark folder is on a server.

10. (Original) A computer system for highlighting Web pages arranged in categories on a server comprising:

at least one memory device for storing code data; and

at least one processor for processing the code data to compare bookmarked Web pages in a bookmark folder with the Web pages in the categories and to highlight all the Web pages in the categories that are the same as the bookmarked Web pages.

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11. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 10 wherein the bookmark folder is on a client.

12. (Previously presented) The computer system of Claim 10 wherein the bookmark folder is on a server.

13. (Previously presented) A computer implemented method of highlighting Web pages arranged in categories on a server comprising the steps of:

accessing a Web page on the server on which Web pages arranged in categories are displayed;

retrieving Uniform Resource locators (URLs) of all Web pages in a bookmark folder, the bookmark folder being stored either on a client computer system or on the server, the bookmark folder, if stored on the server, being enabled to be accessed by a plurality of users;

comparing the URLs of the bookmarked Web pages with URLs of the Web pages in the categories; and

highlighting all the Web pages in the categories displayed on the Web page that have the same URLs with the bookmarked Web pages.

14. (New) A computer implemented method of indicating Web pages on a server that have already been bookmarked on a remote computer system comprising the steps of:

accessing a Web site on the server on which Web pages arranged in categories are displayed;

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retrieving Uniform Resource locators (URLs) of all bookmarked Web pages in a bookmark folder, the bookmark folder being stored on the remote computer system and being enabled to be viewed by a plurality of users, however, only bookmarked Web pages in the bookmark folder for which a user has access permission may be accessed by the user;

comparing the URLs of the bookmarked Web pages with URLs of the Web pages in the categories; and

highlighting all the Web pages in the categories displayed on the Web page that have the same URLs with the bookmarked Web pages.

15. (New) A computer implemented method of indicating Web pages on a server that have already been bookmarked on a local computer system comprising the steps of:

accessing a Web site on the server on which Web pages arranged in categories are displayed;

retrieving Uniform Resource locators (URLs) of all bookmarked Web pages in a bookmark folder, the bookmark folder being stored on the local computer system;

comparing the URLs of the bookmarked Web pages with URLs of the Web pages in the categories; and

highlighting all the Web pages in the categories displayed on the Web site that have the same URLs with the bookmarked Web pages.

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Evidence Appendix

No evidence was submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.130, 1.131 and 1.132 nor was there any evidence entered by the Examiner relied upon by Appellants in this appeal.

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Related Proceedings Appendix

There are no decisions rendered by a court or the Board that would have a bearing on the Board's decision in the pending appeal.

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